Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) An image communication apparatus for sending a facsimile data to a facsimile machine, the apparatus comprising:

an email receiving unit that receives an email;

an analyzing unit that analyzes the email received by the email receiving unit;

a determining unit that determines whether facsimile-forwarding is instructed by the email analyzed by the analyzing unit;

a converting unit that converts the email into the facsimile data, the facsimile data including an image data to be transferred to the facsimile machine, if the determining unit determines that the facsimile-forwarding is instructed;

a setting unit that sets a forwarding size upper limit of facsimile data for facsimile-forwarding the email; ~~and~~

a forwarding control unit that conducts facsimile-forwarding of the facsimile data converted by the converting unit to a facsimile-forwarding destination specified by the facsimile-forwarding instruction when the facsimile data converted by the converting unit does not exceed the forwarding size upper limit set by the setting unit;

a forward stopping control unit that stops facsimile-forwarding of the facsimile data converted by the converting unit when the facsimile data converted by the converting unit exceeds the forwarding size upper limit; and

a reporting unit that prints a report of facsimile-forwarding failure when the facsimile-forwarding of the facsimile data was stopped by the forward stopping control unit.

14-16. (Canceled)

17. (Previously Presented) The image communication apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the setting unit sets the forwarding size upper limit based on a data size of the facsimile-forwarding data converted by the converting unit.

18. (Previously Presented) The image communication apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the setting unit sets the forwarding size upper limit based on a number of pages of the facsimile-forwarding data converted by the converting unit.

19. (Currently Amended) An image communication apparatus for sending a facsimile data to a facsimile machine, comprising:

an email receiving unit that receives an email;

an analyzing unit that analyzes the email received by the email receiving unit and obtains a destination of the email and a source of the email;

a registering unit that registers senders whose emails are permitted to be facsimile-forwarded, a receiver whose facsimile data is received ~~and facsimile~~and a facsimile-forwarding ~~destinations~~ destination corresponding to the ~~senders~~ receiver;

a determining unit that determines whether ~~a sender~~ the source of the email analyzed by the analyzing unit is the sender registered by the registering unit and determines whether the destination of the email is the receiver registered by the registering unit;

a converting unit that converts the email into the facsimile data, the facsimile data including an image data to be transferred to the facsimile machine, when the ~~sender~~ source of the email is the sender registered by the registering unit and the destination of the email is the receiver registered by the registering unit;

a setting unit that sets a forwarding size upper limit of forwarding data for conducting facsimile-forwarding of an email; and

a forwarding control unit that conducts facsimile-forwarding of the facsimile data converted by the converting ~~unit to a~~ unit to the facsimile-forwarding destination

corresponding to the ~~senders~~ receiver registered by the registering unit when the facsimile data converted by the converting unit does not exceed the forwarding size upper limit set by the setting unit.

20. (Previously Presented) The image communication apparatus according to claim 19, further comprising:

a forward stopping control unit that stops the facsimile-forwarding of the facsimile data converted by the converting unit when the facsimile data converted by the converting unit exceeds the forwarding size upper limit; and

a reporting unit that sends a report of facsimile-forwarding failure by an email to the sender of the email when the facsimile-forwarding of the facsimile-forwarding data was stopped by the forward stopping control unit.

21. (Previously Presented) The image communication apparatus according to claim 19, further comprising:

a splitting unit that splits the facsimile data converted by the converting unit into a plurality of the facsimile data when the facsimile data converted by the converting unit exceeds the forwarding size upper limit; and

a split forwarding unit that forwards the plurality of the facsimile data split by the splitting unit to the facsimile-forwarding destination one after another.

22. (Previously Presented) The image communication apparatus according to claim 19, further comprising:

a specifying unit that specifies forwarding time for the facsimile data when the facsimile data converted by the converting unit exceeds the forwarding size upper limit set by the setting unit; and

a time-specified forwarding control unit that conducts the facsimile-forwarding of the facsimile data converted by the converting unit to the facsimile-forwarding destination after

the facsimile-forwarding has been suspended, the time-specified forwarding control unit conducts the facsimile-forwarding at the forwarding time specified by the specifying unit when data amount of the facsimile data converted by the converting unit exceeds the forwarding size upper limit.

23. (Previously Presented) The image communication apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the setting unit sets the forwarding size upper limit based on a data size of the facsimile data converted by the converting unit.

24. (Previously Presented) The image communication apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the setting unit sets the forwarding size upper limit based on a number of pages of the facsimile-forwarding data converted by the converting unit.

25. (Currently Amended) An image communication apparatus for sending a facsimile data to a facsimile machine, comprising:

an email receiving unit that receives an email;

an analyzing unit that analyzes the email received by the email receiving unit and obtains a destination of the email, a source of the email and a facsimile-forwarding destination;

a registering unit that registers ~~senders~~ a sender whose ~~emails are~~ email is permitted to be facsimile-forwarded, a receiver whose facsimile data is received ~~and facsimile~~and a facsimile-forwarding ~~destinations~~ destination corresponding to the ~~senders~~ receiver;

a first determining unit that determines whether facsimile-forwarding destination is instructed by the email analyzed by the analyzing unit;

a second determining unit that determines whether ~~a sender~~ the destination of the email analyzed by the analyzing unit is the receiver registered by the registering unit;

a converting unit that converts the email into facsimile data, the facsimile data including an image data to be transferred to the facsimile machine, when the first determining

unit determines that the facsimile-forwarding destination is instructed or when the second determining unit determines that the destination of the email is the receiver;

a setting unit that sets a forwarding size upper limit of facsimile data for facsimile-forwarding email;

a selection unit that ~~selects a~~ selects the facsimile-forwarding destination specified by the facsimile-forwarding instruction when the first determining unit determines that the facsimile-forwarding destination is instructed by the email and ~~selects a~~ selects the facsimile-forwarding destination corresponding to the ~~senders~~ receiver registered by the registering unit when the second determining unit determines that the ~~sender~~ destination of the email is ~~within the senders~~ the receiver registered by the registering unit; and

a forwarding control unit that conducts facsimile-forwarding of the facsimile data converted by the converting ~~unit to a~~ unit to the facsimile-forwarding destination selected by the selection unit when the facsimile data converted by the converting unit does not exceed the forwarding size upper limit set by the setting unit.

26. (Currently Amended) The image communication apparatus according to claim 25, further comprising:

a third determining unit that determines whether or not the facsimile-forwarding by the forwarding control unit was successful;

a fourth determining unit that determines whether the facsimile-forwarding destination selected by the selection unit is at least one of the facsimile-forwarding destination specified by the facsimile-forwarding instruction of the email and the facsimile-forwarding destination corresponding to the ~~senders~~ receiver registered by the registering unit; and

a reporting unit that deletes the facsimile data converted by the converting unit and sends a report of facsimile-forwarding failure by an email to the sender of the email ~~when~~ if the third determining unit determines that the facsimile-forwarding was not successful and the

fourth determining unit determines that the facsimile-forwarding destination selected by the selection unit is specified by the facsimile-forwarding instruction of the email, ~~or~~ and the reporting unit saves the facsimile data converted by the converting unit and sends an accumulation report to ~~the sender of the email~~ the facsimile-forwarding destination by facsimile if the third determining unit determines that the facsimile-forwarding was not successful and the fourth determining unit determines that the facsimile-forwarding destination selected by the selection unit is the facsimile-forwarding destination corresponding to the receiver.

27. (New) The image communication apparatus according to claim 25, wherein if the facsimile-forwarding destination includes both the facsimile-forwarding destination specified by the facsimile-forwarding instruction of the email and the facsimile-forwarding destination corresponding to the receiver registered by the registering unit.